

ever, to make it very clear that we are expecting much of this seminar. I hope that you will share my belief that federal, state and local governments have led the way in this program, and now it is up to private corporations to pitch in and help. This is not to say that many of these firms have not already done much to plan for the future. For example, this afternoon you shall hear from speakers representing five organizations that have developed excellent mobilization plans. We can profit by what they have done and follow their lead.

Before I close, I should like to thank personally those firms and persons who are participating today in this meeting. Also, my thanks to the Maryland Civil Defense Agency, the Maryland Department of Economic Development and the Baltimore Association of Commerce which have assisted me in sponsoring this Governor's Seminar. I know this will be a fruitful meeting. It must be so because we owe it to our State and nation. Your preparedness will be a most important stepping stone in the complex plan for total national defense.

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Dr. Elkins, Chaplain Minter, Mr. Byrus, General Van Brunt, ladies and gentlemen:

This is a happy occasion for all of us as we meet here on the campus of this great University to dedicate new facilities to improve Maryland's programs of fire service and civil defense. These two important State agencies — the Fire Service Extension Department of the University of Maryland and the Maryland Civil Defense Agency — have a common goal and a common purpose: The protection of the lives and the property of the citizens of Maryland.

Certainly government performs no higher function than in affording the people the highest measure of security that is possible. And in fact, it is established that organized society itself came about as a result of the perception on the part of our remotest ancestors that the individual was assured a greater degree of security in association with others of his kind. And so, we may say that services which these two governmental units perform are absolutely indispensable. As Governor, I am proud that the State, in providing the two agencies